

The House Committee on Appropriations offers the following substitute to SB 556:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to agriculture; Title 8
 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to buildings and housing; Title 15 of the
 3 Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts; Title 17 of the Official Code of
 4 Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure; Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
 5 Annotated, relating to education; Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating
 6 to food, drugs, and cosmetics; Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating
 7 to the General Assembly; Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law
 8 enforcement officers and agencies; Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
 9 relating to motor vehicles and traffic; Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
 10 relating to professions and businesses; Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
 11 relating to public officers and employees; Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia
 12 Annotated, relating to social services; and Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia
 13 Annotated, relating to state government, so as to provide for the comprehensive revision of
 14 provisions regarding state budgeting; to revise and change duties and responsibilities of
 15 budget units; to provide for the transfer of the duties and responsibilities of the Legislative
 16 Budget Office and legislative budget offices; to provide for the powers, duties, and
 17 responsibilities of the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office and the House Budget Office;
 18 to revise and change terminology regarding budget unit object class; to revise and change
 19 certain provisions regarding powers of the Lieutenant Governor; to repeal provisions
 20 regarding the Budgetary Responsibility and Oversight Committee; to provide for related
 21 matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

1 **PART I**

2 **SECTION 1.**

3 Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to agriculture, is amended by
4 striking Code Section 2-18-4, relating to the attachment of the Georgia Tobacco Community
5 Development Board for administrative purposes to the Office of Planning and Budget, and
6 inserting in its place a new Code Section 2-18-4 to read as follows:

7 "2-18-4.

8 The board is attached to the Office of Planning and Budget for administrative purposes.

9 Without limitation, the office shall provide such staff and other services as the board may
10 need for its functions. ~~Without detracting from the status of the board as a budget unit, the~~

11 The Office of Planning and Budget may expend its funds for purposes of the board as if
12 such funds were appropriated directly to the board."

13 **SECTION 2.**

14 Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended by
15 striking Code Section 20-1A-1, relating to creation of the Department of Early Care and
16 Learning, and inserting in its place a new Code Section 20-1A-1 to read as follows:

17 "20-1A-1.

18 The Department of Early Care and Learning is created as a department of the executive
19 branch of state government and shall have the duties, responsibilities, functions, powers,

20 and authority set forth in this chapter and otherwise provided by law. The Department of

21 Early Care and Learning is the successor to the Office of School Readiness and shall have

22 the duties, responsibilities, functions, powers, authority, employees, office equipment,

23 furniture, and other assets formerly held by the Office of School Readiness. ~~The~~

24 ~~Department of Early Care and Learning shall be a separate budget unit."~~

25 **SECTION 3.**

26 Said title is further amended by striking subsection (a) of Code Section 20-3-82, relating to
27 the Georgia Eminent Scholars Endowment Trust Fund, and inserting in its place a new
28 subsection (a) to read as follows:

29 "(a) There is created the Georgia Eminent Scholars Endowment Trust Fund. The board of
30 regents shall serve as trustees of such fund. ~~The fund shall be a budget unit for the purpose~~

31 ~~of appropriations of state funds as provided for in Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title~~

32 ~~45."~~

1 be charged with supervision and control of such agency. The agency shall employ the
 2 number of personnel deemed necessary to properly protect the health, safety, and welfare
 3 of the citizens of this state. Such personnel shall be pharmacists registered in this state
 4 when employed as either special agents or the deputy director."

5 SECTION 8.

6 Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law enforcement officers and
 7 agencies, is amended by striking Code Section 35-6A-9, relating to the Criminal Justice
 8 Coordinating Council, and inserting in its place a new Code Section 35-6A-9 to read as
 9 follows:

10 "35-6A-9.

11 The council shall prepare a budget request in the same manner as any such request would
 12 be prepared by a budget unit under Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 45, the 'Budget
 13 Act,' and a separate appropriation shall be provided for the council in the general
 14 appropriations Act. The council is authorized to accept and use gifts, grants, and donations
 15 for the purpose of carrying out this chapter. The council is also authorized to accept and
 16 use property, both real and personal, and services, for the purpose of carrying out this
 17 chapter. Any funds, property, or services received as gifts, grants, or donations shall be kept
 18 separate and apart from any funds received by the Office of Planning and Budget; and such
 19 funds, property, or services so received by gifts, grants, or donations shall be the property
 20 and funds of the council and, as such, shall not lapse at the end of each fiscal year but shall
 21 remain under the control and subject to the direction of the council to carry out this
 22 chapter."

23 SECTION 9.

24 Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is
 25 amended by striking subsection (a) of Code Section 40-16-7, relating to the budget of the
 26 Department of Driver Services, and inserting in its place a new subsection (a) to read as
 27 follows:

28 ~~"(a) The department shall be a budget unit to which funds may be appropriated as provided~~
 29 ~~in the 'Budget Act,' Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 45. The department shall be~~
 30 an independent and distinct department of state government. The duties of the department
 31 shall be performed by that department and not by any other agency of state government,
 32 and the department shall not perform the duties of any other agency of state government.
 33 The position of commissioner of driver services shall be a separate and distinct position
 34 from any other position in state government. The duties of the commissioner shall be

1 performed by the commissioner and not by any other officer of state government, and the
2 commissioner shall not perform the duties of any other officer of state government."

3 **SECTION 10.**

4 Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and business, is
5 amended by repealing its entirety subsection (l) of Code Section 43-1-2, relating to the
6 director of the professional licensing boards division of the office of the Secretary of State,
7 which reads as follows:

8 "(l) Funding for the office of the division director and the various professional licensing
9 boards served by such office shall be contained in a common budget unit as defined in Part
10 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 45, the 'Budget Act.'"

11 **SECTION 11.**

12 Said title is further amended by striking subsection (g) of Code Section 43-40-2, relating to
13 the Georgia Real Estate Commission, and inserting in its place a new subsection (g) to read
14 as follows:

15 "~~(g) The commission shall be a budget unit as defined in Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 12~~
16 ~~of Title 45, the 'Budget Act'; provided, however, that the commission shall be assigned for~~
17 ~~administrative purposes only to the office of the Secretary of State.~~"

18 **SECTION 12.**

19 Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees,
20 is amended by striking Code Section 45-5-7, relating to hearing of complaints against budget
21 unit employees, and inserting in its place a new Code Section 45-5-7 to read as follows:

22 "45-5-7.

23 Upon information being received that any individual employed by the state government is
24 guilty or is alleged to be guilty of irregularities, misconduct, malpractice, malfeasance,
25 misfeasance, incompetence, incapability, or inefficiency in the conduct of his or her official
26 duties, the head of the ~~budget unit~~, department; or agency employing said person shall be
27 notified of such charges; and if the head of the ~~budget unit~~, department; or agency takes the
28 position that the charges are unfounded and fails or refuses to discharge the individual
29 against whom the complaint is lodged, it shall be the duty of the Governor to hear the
30 complaint and if, in his or her opinion, the facts sustain the truth of the accusation, the
31 individual shall stand discharged from state service. Nothing in this Code section shall
32 affect the tenure of office of the elected officials of this state, nor the tenure of office of
33 appointed officials of this state who have been confirmed by the Senate as required by law,

1 nor the tenure of office of those employees who are subject to merit system laws and rules
2 and regulations."

3 **SECTION 13.**

4 Said title is further amended by striking subsection (a) of Code Section 45-12-72, relating
5 to the Office of Planning and Budget, and inserting in its place a new subsection (a) to read
6 as follows:

7 "(a) There is established in the office of the Governor the Office of Planning and Budget
8 ~~as a separate budget unit~~ for the purpose of promoting economy and efficiency in the fiscal
9 management of the state government. The Governor shall be ex officio director of the
10 budget."

11 **SECTION 14.**

12 Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to social services, is amended
13 by striking subsection (b) of Code Section 49-5-135, relating to the Children and Youth
14 Coordinating Council, and inserting in its place a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

15 "(b) The council shall prepare a budget request ~~in the same manner as any such request~~
16 ~~would be prepared by a budget unit~~ in accordance with Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 12
17 of Title 45, the 'Budget Act,' and a separate appropriation shall be provided for the council
18 in the General Appropriations Act. The council is authorized to accept and use gifts, grants,
19 and donations for the purpose of carrying out this article. The council is also authorized to
20 accept and use property, both real and personal, and services for the purpose of carrying
21 out this article. Any funds, property, or services received as gifts, grants, or donations shall
22 be kept separate and apart from any funds received by the Office of Planning and Budget;
23 and such funds, property, or services so received by gifts, grants, or donations shall be the
24 property and funds of the council and, as such, shall not lapse at the end of each fiscal year
25 but shall remain under the control of and subject to the direction of the council to carry out
26 this article."

27 **SECTION 15.**

28 Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended
29 by striking paragraph (1) of subsection (g) of Code Section 50-17-22, relating to the State
30 Financing and Investment Commission, and inserting in its place a new paragraph (1) to read
31 as follows:

32 "(1) The commission is ~~designated a budget unit and~~ shall be subject to Part 1 of Article
33 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 45, the 'Budget Act.'"

1 **SECTION 16.**

2 Said title is further amended by striking paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of Code Section
3 50-27-13, relating to lottery proceeds, and inserting in its place a new paragraph (2) to read
4 as follows:

5 "(2) In the budget report the Governor shall further make specific recommendations as
6 to the education programs and purposes for which appropriations should be made from
7 the Lottery for Education Account. The General Assembly shall appropriate from the
8 Lottery for Education Account by specific reference to it, or by reference to 'lottery
9 proceeds.' All appropriations of lottery proceeds ~~to any particular budget unit~~ shall be
10 ~~made together in a separate part entitled,~~ identified, administered, and accounted for
11 separately ~~as a distinct budget unit for lottery proceeds.~~ Such appropriations shall
12 otherwise be made in the manner required by law for appropriations."

13 **PART II**

14 **SECTION 17.**

15 Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, is
16 amended by striking Code Section 28-5-25, relating to joint meetings of the fiscal affairs
17 subcommittees, and inserting in its place a new Code Section 28-5-25 to read as follows:

18 "28-5-25.

19 The fiscal affairs subcommittees shall meet jointly as one committee at least once each
20 quarter, or more often, at the call of the Governor, for the purpose of reviewing and
21 approving budget unit ~~object class~~ program transfers recommended by the Governor. Such
22 transfers shall not be made without the approval of at least 11 members of such
23 subcommittees sitting jointly. No funds whatsoever shall be transferred for use in
24 commencing any new program or activity which does not currently have an appropriation
25 or which would require operating funds or capital outlay funds beyond the biennium in
26 which such transfer is made."

27 **SECTION 18.**

28 Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees,
29 is amended by striking paragraphs (5) and (6) of Code Section 45-12-75, relating to the
30 budget report, and inserting in their place new paragraphs (5) and (6) to read as follows:

31 "(5) Detailed comparative statements of expenditures and requests for appropriations by
32 funds, budget units, and ~~budget classes~~ programs, showing the expenditures for each of
33 the two fiscal years last concluded, the budget of the current year, and the Governor's

1 recommendations for appropriations for each budget unit and program for the next fiscal
 2 year. Following the lists of actual and proposed expenditures of each budget unit and
 3 program there shall be a brief explanation of the ~~functions~~ purposes of the unit and
 4 program and comments on its policies and plans and on any considerable differences
 5 among the amounts expended and the amounts recommended, with such descriptive,
 6 quantitative, comparative, and other data as to work done, unit costs, and like information
 7 as is considered necessary or desirable. ~~In connection with each budget class of~~ For
 8 capital outlays involving construction projects to be completed in two or more fiscal
 9 years, there shall be shown the total estimated cost of each such project and the amount
 10 thereof recommended to be appropriated and expended in each ensuing fiscal year until
 11 completion of the project. Capital outlay needs shall be projected for a period that is
 12 consistent with each organization's approved strategic plan as summarized in the budget;
 13 (6) A summary statement of the cash resources estimated to be available at the beginning
 14 of the next fiscal year and the estimated cash receipts of the fiscal year as compared with
 15 the total recommended amounts of appropriation for all ~~budget classes~~ programs for the
 16 year and, if the total of the recommended expenditures exceeds the total of the estimated
 17 resources, recommendations as to how the deficiency is to be met and estimates of
 18 receipts from any proposed additional revenues;"

19 SECTION 19.

20 Said title is further amended by striking subsection (b) of Code Section 45-12-78, relating
 21 to submission of annual budget estimates, and inserting in its place a new subsection (b) to
 22 read as follows:

23 "(b) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the budget estimates for the General
 24 Assembly, including all the legislative agencies, ~~shall be prepared by the Speaker of the~~
 25 ~~House of Representatives and the President of the Senate and such other legislative officers~~
 26 ~~as appropriate and~~ shall be submitted to the director of the budget at the same time as other
 27 budget estimates are submitted. The Department of Audits and Accounts, for the purpose
 28 of this part, is a legislative agency and shall be construed in all respects as such; and the
 29 budget estimate for said department shall be prepared by the state auditor and shall be
 30 included in the budget report without revision and shall not be subject to review or control
 31 by the Office of Planning and Budget. The director of the Office of Treasury and Fiscal
 32 Services shall assist in the preparation of these budget estimates, if requested. ~~Effective~~
 33 ~~with the budget estimates for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1985, the~~ The budget
 34 estimates for the Senate, the office of the Lieutenant Governor, and the office of the
 35 Secretary of the Senate shall be prepared by the Senate; the budget estimates for the House

1 of Representatives, the office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the
 2 office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall be prepared by the House of
 3 Representatives; and the budget estimates for the Office of Legislative Counsel; and the
 4 Office of Legislative Fiscal Officer, ~~and the Office of Legislative Budget Analyst~~ shall be
 5 prepared by the Legislative Services Committee. All of such budget estimates shall include
 6 such ~~object classes~~ programs as the Legislative Services Committee shall determine, and
 7 transfers of funds may be made between such ~~object classes~~ programs. Funds may also be
 8 transferred ~~between~~ across programs within the Senate, ~~the office of the Lieutenant~~
 9 ~~Governor, and the office of the Secretary of the Senate.~~ Funds may also be transferred
 10 ~~between~~ across programs within the House of Representatives, ~~the office of the Speaker~~
 11 ~~of the House of Representatives, and the office of the Clerk of the House of~~
 12 ~~Representatives.~~ Funds may also be transferred between the Office of Legislative Counsel;
 13 and the Office of Legislative Fiscal Officer, ~~and the Office of Legislative Budget Analyst."~~

14 **SECTION 20.**

15 Said title is further amended by striking subsection (d) of Code Section 45-12-80, relating
 16 to financial plans regarding the Appropriations Act, and inserting in its place a new
 17 subsection (d) to read as follows:

18 "(d) The annual operating budget for each budget unit shall be submitted for approval to
 19 the Office of Planning and Budget by May 31 of the fiscal year preceding the effective
 20 date; shall be submitted on forms and in the format as determined by the Office of Planning
 21 and Budget; and shall conform to approved appropriations Acts. The total annual operating
 22 budget, including such schedules and supplementary information as may be required by the
 23 Office of Planning and Budget, shall be considered the financial plan for the budget unit.
 24 The various schedules included in the annual operating budget shall govern the approved
 25 expenditures for the ~~applicable object class~~ program and shall ensure that these
 26 expenditures conform to both the letter and the intent of approved appropriations Acts. The
 27 Governor through the Office of Planning and Budget shall direct to be made such changes
 28 in the submitted annual operating budget as the Governor deems necessary to bring the
 29 annual operating budget into conformity with approved appropriations Acts."

30 **SECTION 21.**

31 Said title is further amended by striking Code Section 45-12-90, relating to disposition of
 32 appropriations, and inserting in its place a new Code Section 45-12-90 to read as follows:

33 "45-12-90.

1 In the event that any duties; and purposes; ~~and objects~~ for which appropriations are made
 2 shall be transferred to a budget unit other than that to which appropriated, the
 3 appropriations for such duties; and purposes; ~~and objects~~ shall be made available, subject
 4 to this part, to such budget unit or budget units to which the duties; and purposes; ~~and~~
 5 ~~objects~~ are transferred. Should the appropriation to be transferred not be shown in the
 6 appropriation Act as a separate and identifiable item, the amount to be transferred shall be
 7 decided by the Office of Planning and Budget in accordance with the detailed estimates or
 8 other information embodied in the budget report."

9 **PART III**

10 **SECTION 22.**

11 Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers, is amended
 12 by striking Code Section 45-12-82, relating to filing of periodic work programs, and inserting
 13 in its place a new Code Section 45-12-82 to read as follows:

14 "45-12-82.

15 The Governor, through the Office of Planning and Budget, shall require each budget unit,
 16 other than those of the legislative branch and the judicial branch, to file periodic work
 17 programs with the Office of Planning and Budget at such time as the Office of Planning
 18 and Budget shall direct. As provided in Code Section 45-12-83, no allotment of funds shall
 19 be approved for any budget unit until such budget unit has filed a periodic work program
 20 with the Office of Planning and Budget and the periodic work program has been approved
 21 by the Governor. The work program shall be presented on forms prescribed by the Office
 22 of Planning and Budget and shall contain such information as the Governor, through the
 23 Office of Planning and Budget, may require. The work program shall include the amount
 24 of the portion of the appropriation required for the period's expenditures based on the
 25 budget prepared as provided in this part. Periodic work programs may be amended from
 26 time to time in such manner as the Office of Planning and Budget may require. A duplicate
 27 copy of all of the periodic work programs and any amendments thereto shall be filed
 28 simultaneously with the Office of Planning and Budget, the director of the Office of
 29 Treasury and Fiscal Services, the state auditor, ~~the Comptroller General, and the Office of~~
 30 ~~Legislative Budget Analyst~~ the State Accounting Office, the Senate Budget and Evaluation
 31 Office, and the House Budget Office."

32 **SECTION 23.**

1 Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to buildings and housing, is
 2 amended by striking Code Section 8-2-144, relating to accounting of certain fees by the
 3 Commissioner of Insurance, and inserting in its place a new Code Section 8-2-144 to read
 4 as follows:

5 "8-2-144.

6 The Commissioner of Insurance shall file a report on or before December 15 of each year
 7 accounting for all fees received by the Commissioner under this part and Part 3 of this
 8 article for the preceding 12 month period and for the actual costs of the inspection
 9 programs under this part and Part 3 of this article for the preceding 12 month period. Such
 10 report shall be provided to the chairpersons of the House Appropriations Committee, the
 11 Senate Appropriations Committee, the House Governmental Affairs Committee, and the
 12 Senate Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee, the director of the Office of Planning
 13 and Budget, ~~and the director of the Legislative~~ Senate Budget and Evaluation Office, and
 14 the director of the House Budget Office."

15 **SECTION 24.**

16 Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended by striking
 17 subsection (a) of Code Section 15-6-77.4, relating to certain additional divorce case filing
 18 fees, and inserting in its place a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

19 "(a) In addition to any fees required in Code Sections 15-6-77, 15-6-77.2, 15-6-77.3, and
 20 47-14-51, for filing each divorce case, the clerk of superior court shall charge an additional
 21 fee of \$5.00. Each clerk of the superior court shall collect the additional fees for divorce
 22 cases as provided in this Code section and shall pay such moneys over to the Georgia
 23 Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority by the last day of the month there following,
 24 to be deposited by the authority into the general treasury. The authority shall, on a quarterly
 25 basis, make a report and accounting of all funds collected pursuant to this Code section and
 26 shall submit such report and accounting to the Office of Planning and Budget, the
 27 ~~Legislative~~ House Budget Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office no later
 28 than 60 days after the last day of the preceding quarter."

29 **SECTION 25.**

30 Said title is further amended by striking Code Section 15-9-60.1, relating to certain additional
 31 marriage license fees, and inserting in its place a new Code Section 15-9-60.1 to read as
 32 follows:

1 "15-9-60.1.

2 In addition to any fees required in Code Section 15-9-60 for receiving marriage
 3 applications, issuing marriage licenses, and recording relative thereto, the judge of the
 4 probate court shall charge an additional fee of \$15.00 for issuing a marriage license. No
 5 amount of this additional fee shall be paid into the Judges of the Probate Courts Retirement
 6 Fund of Georgia provided for in Chapter 11 of Title 47 or be used for the purpose of
 7 calculating retirement benefits for judges of the probate courts. Each judge of the probate
 8 court shall collect the additional fees for issuing marriage licenses as provided in this Code
 9 section and shall pay such moneys over to the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative
 10 Authority by the last day of the month there following, to be deposited by the authority into
 11 the general treasury. The authority shall, on a quarterly basis, make a report and accounting
 12 of all funds collected pursuant to this Code section and shall submit such report and
 13 accounting to the Office of Planning and Budget, the ~~Legislative~~ House Budget Office, and
 14 the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office no later than 60 days after the last day of the
 15 preceding quarter."

16 **SECTION 26.**

17 Said title is further amended by striking paragraph (3) of subsection (e) of Code Section
 18 15-18-12, relating to judicial circuit travel expenses, and inserting in its place a new
 19 paragraph (3) to read as follows:

20 "(3) In determining the travel budget for each judicial circuit, the council shall consider
 21 the budget request submitted by the district attorney of each judicial circuit, the
 22 geographic size and the caseload of each circuit, and such other facts as may be relevant.
 23 The council is authorized to establish a contingency reserve of not more than 3 percent
 24 of the total amount appropriated by the General Assembly in order to meet any expenses
 25 which could not be reasonably anticipated. The council shall submit to each district
 26 attorney, the state auditor, ~~and the legislative budget analyst~~ the House Budget Office,
 27 and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office a monthly report showing the budget
 28 amount of expenditures made under the travel budget. The council may periodically
 29 review and adjust said budget as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Code
 30 section."

31 **SECTION 27.**

32 Said title is further amended by striking Code Section 15-21-74, relating to payment of
 33 certain amounts of the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority, and inserting
 34 in its place a new Code Section 15-21-74 to read as follows:

1 "15-21-74.
 2 The sums provided for in Code Section 15-21-73 shall be assessed and collected by the
 3 court officer charged with the duty of collecting moneys arising from fines and forfeited
 4 bonds and shall be paid over to the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority
 5 by the last day of the month there following, to be deposited by the authority into the
 6 general treasury. The authority shall, on a quarterly basis, make a report and accounting of
 7 all funds collected pursuant to this article and shall submit such report and accounting to
 8 the Office of Planning and Budget, the ~~Legislative~~ House Budget Office, and the Senate
 9 Budget and Evaluation Office no later than 60 days after the last day of the preceding
 10 quarter."

11 **SECTION 28.**

12 Said title is further amended by striking Code Section 15-21-113, relating to payment of
 13 certain amounts to the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority, and inserting
 14 in its place a new Code Section 15-21-113 to read as follows:

15 "15-21-113.
 16 The sums provided for in Code Section 15-21-112 shall be assessed and collected by the
 17 court officer charged with the duty of collecting moneys arising from fines and shall be
 18 paid over by the last day of the following month to the Georgia Superior Court Clerks'
 19 Cooperative Authority for remittance to the Georgia Crime Victims Compensation Board,
 20 to be deposited into the Georgia Crime Victims Emergency Fund. The authority shall, on
 21 a quarterly basis, make a report and accounting of all funds collected pursuant to this article
 22 and shall submit such report and accounting to the Office of Planning and Budget, the
 23 ~~Legislative~~ House Budget Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office no later
 24 than 60 days after the last day of the preceding quarter."

25 **SECTION 29.**

26 Said title further amended by striking subsection (c) of Code Section 15-21A-7, relating to
 27 the reporting and accounting system of the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative
 28 Authority, and inserting in its place a new subsection (c) to read as follows:

29 "(c) The authority shall, on a quarterly basis, make a detailed report and accounting of all
 30 fines and fees collected and remitted by any court and shall submit such report and
 31 accounting to the General Oversight Committee for the Georgia Public Defender Standards
 32 Council, the Office of Planning and Budget, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of
 33 Georgia, the ~~Legislative~~ House Budget Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation
 34 Office no later than 60 days after the last day of the preceding quarter."

SECTION 30.

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2 Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, is
3 amended by striking paragraph (3) of subsection (c) of Code Section 17-12-26, relating to
4 the budget of the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council, and inserting in its place a new
5 paragraph (3) to read as follows:

6 "(3) In determining the travel budget for each judicial circuit, the council shall consider
7 the budget request submitted by the circuit public defender of each judicial circuit, the
8 geographic size and the caseload of each circuit, and other facts as may be relevant. The
9 council is authorized to establish a contingency reserve of not more than 3 percent of the
10 total amount appropriated by the General Assembly in order to meet any expenses which
11 could not be reasonably anticipated. The council shall submit to each circuit public
12 defender, the state auditor, ~~and the legislative budget analyst~~ the Senate Budget and
13 Evaluation Office, and the House Budget Office a monthly report showing the budget
14 amount of expenditures made under the travel budget. The council may periodically
15 review and adjust the travel budget as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this
16 subsection."

SECTION 31.

17
18 Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended by
19 striking subsections (a) and (c) of Code Section 20-2-320, relating to the Education
20 Information Steering Committee, and inserting in their place new subsections (a) and (c),
21 respectively, to read as follows:

22 "20-2-320.

23 (a) The Governor shall appoint a steering committee, which shall be named the Education
24 Information Steering Committee, composed of representatives from the Department of
25 Education, the Department of Technical and Adult Education, the Board of Regents of the
26 University System of Georgia, the office of the Governor, the Office of Planning and
27 Budget, the Department of Audits and Accounts, the Georgia Technology Authority, the
28 Department of Early Care and Learning, the Professional Standards Commission, the
29 Office of Student Achievement, the Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission, ~~the~~
30 ~~Legislative Budget Office,~~ the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office, the House Budget
31 Office, and local school systems. The steering committee shall identify the data required
32 to implement the Quality Basic Education Program on a fiscally sound basis and the data
33 required to evaluate the effectiveness of the components of public education in Georgia.
34 The steering committee shall identify data that shall be required from local units of
35 administration for the implementation of this article. Further, the steering committee shall

1 develop a design for a state-wide comprehensive educational information system which
2 will provide for the accurate, seamless, and timely flow of information from local and
3 regional education agencies, units of the University System of Georgia, and technical
4 schools and colleges to the state. The design shall include hardware, software, data,
5 collection methods and times, training, maintenance, communications, security of data, and
6 installation specifications and any other relevant specifications needed for the successful
7 implementation of this system. The state-wide comprehensive educational information
8 system shall not use a student's social security number or an employee's social security
9 number in violation of state or federal law to identify a student or employee. The steering
10 committee shall present such recommendations to the Education Coordinating Council.
11 Upon approval of the boards of the respective education agencies, such boards shall issue
12 appropriate requests for proposals to implement a state-wide comprehensive educational
13 information system, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly. The boards of the
14 respective education agencies, at the direction of the Education Coordinating Council and
15 working through the steering committee, shall initiate contracts with appropriate vendors
16 and local units of administration for the procurement of services, purchase of hardware and
17 software, and for any other purpose as directed by the Education Coordinating Council,
18 consistent with appropriation by the General Assembly."

19 "(c) For the purpose of this article, authorized educational agencies shall be the
20 Department of Education; the Department of Early Care and Learning; the Board of
21 Regents of the University System of Georgia; the Department of Technical and Adult
22 Education; the Education Coordinating Council; the Professional Standards Commission;
23 the Office of Student Achievement; the education policy and research components of the
24 office of the Governor; the Office of Planning and Budget; ~~the Legislative Budget Office;~~
25 ~~the House Research Office~~ Member Services office; and the Senate Research Office. Any
26 information collected over the state-wide comprehensive educational information system,
27 including individual student records and individual personnel records, shall be accessible
28 by authorized educational agencies, provided that any information which is planned for
29 collection over the system but which is temporarily being collected by other means shall
30 also be accessible by authorized educational agencies and provided, further, that adequate
31 security provisions are employed to protect the privacy of individuals. All data maintained
32 for this system shall be used for educational purposes only. In no case shall information
33 be released by an authorized educational agency which would violate the privacy rights of
34 any individual student or employee. Information released by an authorized educational
35 agency in violation of the privacy rights of any individual student or employee shall subject
36 the authorized educational agency to all penalties under applicable state and federal law.

1 Any information collected over the state-wide comprehensive educational information
 2 system which is not stored in an individual student or personnel record format shall be
 3 made available to the Governor and the House and Senate Appropriations, Education, and
 4 Higher Education committees, except information otherwise prohibited by statute. Data
 5 which are included in an individual student record or individual personnel record format
 6 shall be extracted from such records and made available in nonindividual record format for
 7 use by the Governor, committees of the General Assembly, and agencies other than
 8 authorized educational agencies."

9 **SECTION 32.**

10 Said title is further amended by striking Code Section 20-3-133, relating to certain payments
 11 to local operating authorities, and inserting in its place a new Code Section 20-3-133 to read
 12 as follows:

13 "20-3-133.

14 There shall be paid to every local operating authority which shall have established a junior
 15 college under this article, upon which construction had commenced prior to January 1,
 16 1964, and which is not operated as a unit of the university system under the board of
 17 regents an amount which shall be determined on the basis of a budget for each fiscal year,
 18 developed pursuant to a formula agreed upon by the local operating authority, the director
 19 of the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office, the director of the House Budget Office, and
 20 the director of the Office of Planning and Budget, and the legislative budget analyst.
 21 Budgets prepared pursuant to this authority shall be for expenses incurred by a junior
 22 college for educational and general expenditures as set forth in the latest edition of the
 23 publication entitled 'College and University Business Administration.' Such formula shall
 24 include financial participation from the local operating authority to include student
 25 matriculation fees and funds derived from not less than a one-half nor more than a
 26 three-fourths mill tax established by the local operating authority on the ad valorem tax
 27 digest of its political subdivision. No state funds shall be appropriated for capital
 28 construction. Expenditure under this article shall be audited annually by the Department
 29 of Audits and Accounts."

30 **SECTION 33.**

31 Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, is
 32 amended by striking subsection (e) of Code Section 28-4-2, relating to powers of the
 33 Legislative Services Committee, and inserting in its place a new subsection (e) to read as
 34 follows:

1 "(e) The committee shall contract with a licensed certified public accountant or certified
 2 public accounting firm to conduct annually in accordance with accepted accounting
 3 principles a financial audit of legislative funds and expenditures. Such audit shall detail
 4 the expenditures of ~~the following offices of the legislative branch: Lieutenant Governor,~~
 5 ~~Secretary of the Senate, Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Clerk of the~~
 6 ~~House of Representatives, House of Representatives, Office of Legislative Counsel, Office~~
 7 ~~of Legislative Budget Analyst, and Office of Legislative Fiscal Officer~~ each program of
 8 the legislative branch as listed in the annual Appropriations Act."

9 SECTION 34.

10 Said title is further amended by striking Code Section 28-4-6, relating to the legislative fiscal
 11 officer and legislative budget analyst, and inserting in its place a new Code Section 28-4-6
 12 to read as follows:

13 "28-4-6.

14 (a) The Legislative Services Committee is authorized to employ a legislative fiscal officer
 15 for the legislative branch of government, ~~and the fiscal officer and personnel to assist him~~
 16 ~~shall be a part of the Office of Legislative Counsel.~~ The fiscal officer shall act as the
 17 bookkeeper-comptroller for the legislative branch of government and shall maintain an
 18 account of legislative expenditures and commitments. ~~He~~ Such fiscal officer shall maintain
 19 an inventory of the equipment, furnishings, and nonexpendable items belonging to the
 20 legislative branch. ~~He~~ Such fiscal officer shall prepare and sign vouchers pertaining to the
 21 expenditure of legislative funds. ~~He~~ Such fiscal officer shall prepare and sign all warrants
 22 for the expenditure of funds appropriated to and available to the legislative branch of
 23 government. Such warrants shall be paid by the fiscal officer, and it shall not be necessary
 24 that they be countersigned by the Comptroller General. All payments from funds
 25 appropriated to the legislative branch of government shall be made by the fiscal officer, and
 26 reference in any other law to any other official or person in connection with any duties
 27 pertaining to such payments shall be deemed to refer to the fiscal officer; all duties of any
 28 such other official or person in connection therewith are transferred to the fiscal officer.
 29 The fiscal officer shall be under such bond as the Legislative Services Committee shall
 30 prescribe, and the premium thereon shall be paid from funds appropriated to the legislative
 31 branch of government. The fiscal officer shall have such other duties as shall be prescribed
 32 by the committee.

33 ~~(a.1)~~(b) The legislative fiscal officer is authorized on behalf of the legislative branch to
 34 pay any properly authorized invoice which does not exceed \$5,000.00. Any invoice which
 35 exceeds \$5,000.00 may not be paid by such fiscal officer without prior approval from the

1 committee. The committee may provide for such approval to be given at meetings of the
 2 committee, or in writing between meetings by a majority of the members of the committee,
 3 or in such other manner as the committee may establish. All invoices shall contain in detail
 4 a description of the work performed, materials used or purchased, and any other
 5 information pertinent to the obligation. Before the fiscal officer may pay any invoice, a
 6 requisition or purchase order covering such invoice and signed by the person or persons
 7 authorized by the Legislative Services Committee to do so plus evidence of delivery must
 8 have been submitted to the fiscal officer. A list of all invoices which have been paid shall
 9 be submitted by the fiscal officer to the committee on a monthly basis.

10 ~~(b) The Legislative Services Committee is authorized to employ a legislative budget~~
 11 ~~analyst to assist the General Assembly and its committees in connection with~~
 12 ~~appropriations and budgetary matters. The legislative budget analyst shall render assistance~~
 13 ~~and give advice to the appropriations committees of the Senate and the House of~~
 14 ~~Representatives. He is authorized to request information and material from all state~~
 15 ~~departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, committees, authorities, and agencies in~~
 16 ~~connection with his duties; and all such departments, boards, bureaus, commissions,~~
 17 ~~committees, authorities, and agencies are directed to furnish such information and material~~
 18 ~~as he shall request. The legislative budget analyst shall perform such other duties as the~~
 19 ~~General Assembly, the Legislative Services Committee, and the appropriations committees~~
 20 ~~shall prescribe.~~

21 (c) A majority vote of the total membership of the Legislative Services Committee shall
 22 be necessary to employ the legislative fiscal officer ~~and the legislative budget analyst."~~

23 SECTION 35.

24 Said title is further amended by striking Code Section 28-4-7, relating to control of joint
 25 legislative offices, and inserting in its place a new Code Section 28-4-7 to read as follows:

26 "28-4-7.

27 The Office of Legislative Counsel; and the Office of Legislative Fiscal Officer; ~~and the~~
 28 ~~Office of Legislative Budget Analyst~~ shall be under the budgetary control of the Legislative
 29 Services Committee. The committee shall provide procedures for the employment of
 30 personnel to assist the legislative counsel; and the legislative fiscal officer; ~~and the~~
 31 ~~legislative budget analyst~~; and those ~~three~~ two officials and such personnel shall be
 32 compensated under such procedure as the committee shall provide. The ~~three~~ two officials
 33 shall have supervision of personnel in their offices relative to the duties of their
 34 employment. The committee shall provide office space for the ~~three~~ offices and furnish
 35 them with supplies, materials, furniture, furnishings, books, equipment, and services."

SECTION 36.

Said title is further amended by inserting a new Code Section 28-5-6 to read as follows:

"28-5-6.

(a) The Senate is authorized to establish and provide for a Senate Budget and Evaluation Office. The House of Representatives is authorized to establish and provide for a House Budget Office.

(b) The director of the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office is authorized to request information and material from all state departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, committees, authorities, and agencies in connection with his or her duties; and all such departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, committees, authorities, and agencies are directed to furnish such information and material as the director shall request.

(c) The director of the House Budget Office is authorized to request information and material from all state departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, committees, authorities, and agencies in connection with his or her duties; and all such departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, committees, authorities, and agencies are directed to furnish such information and material as the director shall request."

SECTION 37.

Said title is further amended by striking paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of Code Section 28-5-42, relating to fiscal note requirements, and inserting in its place a new paragraph (1) to read as follows:

"(c)(1) In the event a bill having a significant impact as described in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Code section is introduced not later than the twentieth day of any session, the chairperson of the committee to which such bill is referred shall request the director of the Office of Planning and Budget and the state auditor to submit any such fiscal note as to the fiscal effect of any such bill and to file a copy of such fiscal note with the ~~legislative budget analyst~~ Senate Budget and Evaluation Office and the House Budget Office. The chairperson shall make such request after the bill is referred to the committee."

SECTION 38.

Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law enforcement officers and agencies, is amended by striking subsection (a) of Code Section 35-2-41.1, relating to donation or conveyance of property, equipment, or services to the Department of Public Safety, and inserting in its place a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

1 "(a) Any offer to donate or convey by deed, gift, rent, lease, or other means any property,
 2 equipment, or services to the department shall be made in writing through command
 3 channels to the commissioner. If the commissioner approves the offer, he or she shall
 4 submit a written proposal of the offer to the board for its approval. A copy of the formal
 5 proposal shall be forwarded by the commissioner to the Office of Planning and Budget ~~and~~
 6 ~~the legislative budget analyst, either, the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office, and the~~
 7 House Budget Office, any of which may comment on the proposal."

8 SECTION 39.

9 Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers, is amended
 10 by striking subsection (b) of Code Section 45-12-85, relating to periodic work programs, and
 11 inserting in its place a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

12 "(b) The Governor through the Office of Planning and Budget shall seek to effect
 13 economy, efficiency, decentralization of state government, and sound fiscal management
 14 in reviewing budget allotment requests and may make such changes to the budget allotment
 15 requests to meet these goals and objectives and which are consistent with and subject to the
 16 method and provisions contained in the General Appropriations Act. Upon determination
 17 that the requested budget allotment conforms with the approved work program and meets
 18 the above-mentioned goals and objectives, the Governor shall execute his or her warrant
 19 on the treasury for the funds included in the approved budget allotment. Notwithstanding
 20 any authorization for expenditure included in an appropriations Act, all appropriations in
 21 excess of the approved budget allotments for the budget year, as determined by the Office
 22 of Planning and Budget, shall cease to be an obligation of the state. The Office of Planning
 23 and Budget shall notify the House Budget Office ~~of Legislative Budget Analyst~~ and the
 24 ~~Budgetary Responsibility Oversight Committee~~ Senate Budget and Evaluation Office of
 25 any such action with appropriate supporting information."

26 SECTION 40.

27 Said title is further amended by striking subsection (d) of Code Section 45-12-95, relating
 28 to certain duties of the Office of Planning and Budget, and inserting in its place a new
 29 subsection (d) to read as follows:

30 "(d) The Office of Planning and Budget must review and approve all proposed cost-saving
 31 initiatives prior to their implementation for the implementing agency to be eligible for
 32 receipt of financial incentives. However, as part of this review, the Office of Planning and
 33 Budget must consult with a cross section of agencies and the ~~Office of Legislative Budget~~
 34 ~~Analyst~~ House Budget Office and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office."

SECTION 41.

Said title is further amended by striking Code Section 45-12-110, relating to federal assistance requirements, and inserting in its place a new Code Section 45-12-110 to read as follows:

"45-12-110.

(a) Any state department, board, bureau, commission, authority, or other state agency, except the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and its employees, intending to apply for any new program of federal assistance under any federal program shall notify the ~~legislative budget analyst~~ House Budget Office, the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office, and the director of the Office of Planning and Budget of its intention to apply for such federal assistance at least 30 days prior to filing the application for such assistance. Such notification shall include a summary description of the proposed federal assistance project, the amount of federal funds to be requested, the amount of state matching funds, if any, to be required in connection with obtaining federal assistance, and the period of time to be covered by the proposed federal assistance project.

(b) The ~~legislative budget analyst~~ House Budget Office, the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office, and the director of the Office of Planning and Budget, acting jointly or independently, are authorized and directed to devise and distribute such forms as may be necessary to carry out subsection (a) of this Code section and, in connection therewith, to adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to ensure compliance with said subsection."

SECTION 42.

Said title is further amended by striking paragraph (25) of subsection (c) of Code Section 45-13-22, relating to distribution of Georgia Laws and House and Senate journals, and inserting in its place new paragraphs (25) and (25.1) to read as follows:

"(25) ~~Legislative budget analyst~~ House Budget Office — one set;

(25.1) Senate Budget and Evaluation Office — one set;"

SECTION 43.

Said title is further amended by striking Code Section 45-20-7, relating to legislative branch employees, and inserting in its place a new Code Section 45-20-7 to read as follows:

"45-20-7.

Any other provision of this article to the contrary notwithstanding, an employee of the legislative branch of government may become a covered employee in the manner provided for in this Code section. As relates to employees in the office of the Lieutenant Governor,

1 the Lieutenant Governor shall act. As related to employees of the Senate, its officers, and
 2 its committees, the ~~Lieutenant Governor~~ President Pro Tempore shall act. As relates to
 3 employees in the office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and employees of
 4 the House, its officers, and its committees, the Speaker of the House shall act. As relates
 5 to employees in the office of the Secretary of the Senate, the Secretary of the Senate shall
 6 act. As relates to employees in the office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives, the
 7 Clerk of the House shall act. As relates to employees in the Office of Legislative Counsel,
 8 the legislative counsel shall act. ~~As relates to employees in the Office of the Legislative~~
 9 ~~Budget Analyst, the legislative budget analyst shall act.~~ As relates to employees in the
 10 Office of Legislative Fiscal Officer, the legislative fiscal officer shall act. The above
 11 officers or officials shall notify the state merit system in writing of the positions or
 12 employees which are to become covered under this article and the effective date thereof.
 13 On that date, this article, as it relates to such covered employees, shall apply."

14 SECTION 44.

15 Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended
 16 by striking paragraph (5) of subsection (e) of Code Section 50-5A-11, relating to certain
 17 nonpublic records, and inserting in its place a new paragraph (5) to read as follows:

18 "(5) Given to the Governor, the Attorney General and the Department of Law, the Office
 19 of Planning and Budget, officers of the General Assembly, the ~~legislative budget offices,~~
 20 House Budget Office, the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office, the state accounting
 21 officer and the State Accounting Office, the state auditor and the Department of Audits
 22 and Accounts, or the State Depository Board for use and public disclosure in the ordinary
 23 performance of those officers' and offices' duties."

24 SECTION 45.

25 Said title is further amended by striking Code Section 50-25-7.1, relating to the technology
 26 empowerment fund to be administered by the Georgia Technology Authority, and inserting
 27 in its place a new Code Section 50-25-7.1 to read as follows:

28 "50-25-7.1.

29 (a) The authority is authorized and directed to establish a technology empowerment fund
 30 to be administered by the authority. The fund shall consist of such moneys appropriated or
 31 otherwise available to the authority as the board may determine from time to time to deposit
 32 therein. Subject to the appropriations process, the decision-making and priority-setting
 33 responsibilities for allocating these funds are vested in the chief information officer and the
 34 director of the Office of Planning and Budget.

1 (b) The chief information officer is authorized to identify and select individual projects,
 2 initiatives, and systems to improve service delivery to be funded through the technology
 3 empowerment fund. Such projects shall demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the chief
 4 information officer, reduced costs through the use of technology. In identification and
 5 selection of such projects, initiatives, and systems, the chief information officer shall give
 6 priority to those which provide demonstrable cost savings and improved service delivery
 7 on a recurring basis through the employment of technology and training. Eligible projects,
 8 initiatives, and systems to receive disbursements from the technology empowerment fund
 9 may be selected from agency budget requests. Quarterly reports of the operations of the
 10 technology empowerment fund shall be required to be made to the board, the Office of
 11 Planning and Budget, and the ~~Legislative~~ Senate Budget and Evaluation Office, and the
 12 House Budget Office to ensure proper oversight and accountability.

13 (c) Each project or initiative developed and supported from the technology empowerment
 14 fund shall employ technology that is compatible with the architecture and standards
 15 established by the authority and shall be accounted for by a discrete account established for
 16 the individual project or initiative item in the operating budget and capital budget.

17 (d) A steering committee composed of the chairperson of the House Appropriations
 18 Committee or his or her designee from among the membership of the committee, the
 19 chairperson of the Senate Appropriations Committee or his or her designee from among
 20 the membership of the committee, the director of the Office of Planning and Budget, ~~the~~
 21 ~~legislative budget analyst~~ the Senate and Evaluation Budget Office, the House Budget
 22 Office, the state auditor, and a representative from the Governor's office shall advise and
 23 consult with the chief information officer regarding initiatives to receive funding from the
 24 technology empowerment fund and shall receive quarterly reports from the chief
 25 information officer as to the status of funded projects."

26 SECTION 46.

27 Said title is further amended in Code Section 50-34-17, relating to the OneGeorgia Authority
 28 Overview Committee, by striking subsection (a) and inserting in its place a new subsection
 29 (a) to read as follows:

30 "(a) There is established the OneGeorgia Authority Overview Committee to be composed
 31 of one member of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the
 32 House of Representatives, one member of the Senate to be appointed by the President of
 33 the Senate, the director of the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office or his or her designee,
 34 the director of the House Budget Office or his or her designee, and two members of the
 35 General Assembly to be appointed by the Governor, ~~and the director of the Legislative~~

1 ~~Budget Office~~. The legislative members shall serve for terms as members of the committee
 2 concurrent with their terms of office as members of the General Assembly. The first
 3 members of the committee shall be appointed by not later than July 1, 2000. Thereafter,
 4 their successors shall be appointed during the first 30 days of each regular legislative
 5 session which is held immediately following the election of members of the General
 6 Assembly."

7 **PART IV**

8 **SECTION 47.**

9 Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, is
 10 amended by repealing in its entirety Code Section 28-5-5, relating to the Budgetary
 11 Responsibility Oversight Committee, which reads as follows:

12 "28-5-5.

13 (a) There is created the Budgetary Responsibility Oversight Committee which shall be
 14 composed of six members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the
 15 House of Representatives and six members of the Senate appointed by the President of the
 16 Senate. The members of such committee shall be selected within ten days after the
 17 convening of the General Assembly in each odd-numbered year and shall serve until their
 18 successors are appointed.

19 (b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint a member of the committee
 20 to serve as chairperson and the President of the Senate shall appoint members of the
 21 committee to serve as vice chairperson and secretary during each even-numbered year. The
 22 President of the Senate shall appoint a member of the committee to serve as chairperson
 23 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint members to serve as vice
 24 chairperson and secretary during each odd-numbered year. Such committee shall meet at
 25 least six times each year and, upon the call of the chairperson, at such additional times as
 26 deemed necessary by the chairperson.

27 (c) It shall be the duty of such committee to consult with the Governor and the Office of
 28 Planning and Budget concerning the development and implementation of the strategic
 29 planning process, the development of outcome measures for program evaluation, and the
 30 implementation of related actions.

31 (d) It shall be the duty of such committee to review and evaluate the following:

- 32 (1) Information on new programs submitted in accordance with Code Section 45-12-88;
 33 (2) The continuation budget report submitted in accordance with Code Section
 34 45-12-75.1;

1 (3) The strategic plans for the state and individual departments submitted by the Office
2 of Planning and Budget;

3 (4) Program evaluation reports submitted in accordance with Code Section 45-12-178;

4 (5) Information or reports to be submitted by the Office of Planning and Budget
5 identifying moneys received and purposes for which moneys are expended in any case
6 in which the receipt or expenditure is not contemplated by an appropriations Act; and

7 (6) Such other information or reports as deemed necessary by such committee.

8 (e) The Office of Planning and Budget and the head of each budget unit shall cooperate
9 with such committee and provide such information or reports as requested by the
10 committee for the performance of its functions.

11 (f) The committee shall make an annual report of its activities and findings to the
12 membership of the General Assembly and the Governor within one week of the convening
13 of each regular session of the General Assembly. The chairperson of the committee shall
14 prepare written executive summaries of such report prior to the adoption of the General
15 Appropriations Act each year. The committee shall not be required to distribute copies of
16 the annual report or the executive summaries to the members of the General Assembly but
17 shall notify the members of the availability of the materials in the manner which it deems
18 to be most effective and efficient.

19 (g) The members of the committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative
20 members of legislative committees. The funds necessary to pay such allowances shall
21 come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives and the Senate.

22 (h) The committee shall be authorized to request that a performance audit be conducted
23 for any department which the committee deems necessary."

24 **SECTION 48.**

25 Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers, is amended
26 by repealing in its entirety Code Section 45-12-75.1, relating to the annual continuation
27 budget report, which reads as follows:

28 "45-12-75.1.

29 (a) On or before October 1 of 1994 and each year thereafter, the Governor, through the
30 Office of Planning and Budget, shall prepare and submit to the Budgetary Responsibility
31 Oversight Committee a continuation budget report. On or before May 1 of 1994 and every
32 year thereafter, the Governor, through the Office of Planning and Budget, shall consult and
33 coordinate with the chairperson of the Budgetary Responsibility Oversight Committee to
34 develop a list of agencies and programs in agencies which will be included in the
35 continuation budget report for the year. Each state department shall be included in the

1 continuation budget report not less than once every five years. The continuation budget
 2 report shall contain a detailed analysis of the funds necessary to provide services in the
 3 current fiscal year for each state agency and program examined. Such report shall address
 4 all programs and shall include a description of the purposes and accomplishments of the
 5 programs.

6 (b) The committee shall consider the budget report prepared pursuant to this Code section
 7 in conjunction with the audit report prepared pursuant to paragraph (4) of Code Section
 8 50-6-24.

9 (c) The committee shall prepare a list of all programs included in the continuation budget
 10 report for each department examined as well as actions recommended, if any, by the
 11 committee. Within one week of the convening of each regular session of the General
 12 Assembly, the committee shall notify the members of the availability of the list in the
 13 manner which it deems to be most effective and efficient.

14 (d) It is the intent of this Code section to examine all state departments not less than once
 15 every five years."

17 SECTION 49.

18 Said title is further amended by striking Code Section 45-12-88, relating to information
 19 required to be furnished to the Budgetary Responsibility Oversight Committee, and inserting
 20 in its place a new Code Section 45-12-88 to read as follows:

21 "45-12-88.

22 ~~When any budget unit has plans to institute any new program, it shall be the duty of the~~
 23 ~~head of such unit to furnish to the Budgetary Responsibility Oversight Committee, on~~
 24 ~~September 1 prior to the convening date of the session at which appropriations to finance~~
 25 ~~such program are to be sought, a description of the program, the reason for seeking to~~
 26 ~~institute such program, the operating procedure of such program, the manner in which it~~
 27 ~~conforms to the organization's strategic plan as well as the state strategic plan, the extent~~
 28 ~~to which the facilities and staff to implement or provide the program will be decentralized,~~
 29 ~~and any other information which would be helpful to the members of the committee in~~
 30 ~~determining whether or not to appropriate funds therefor. The members shall also be~~
 31 ~~furnished with the projected cost to implement the program fully. Reserved."~~

32 SECTION 50.

33 Said title is further amended by striking subsection (b) of Code Section 45-12-175, relating
 34 to preparation of long-range development plans, and inserting in its place a new subsection
 35 (b) to read as follows:

1 "(b) The Office of Planning and Budget shall cause to be prepared and coordinate the
 2 development of strategic plans by departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions,
 3 authorities, and other agencies to ensure that the state-wide directions are met. The Office
 4 of Planning and Budget shall:

5 (1) Ensure that the focus of the various plans do not conflict with the general state goals;

6 (2) Offer assistance to the various departments, boards, bureaus, commissions,
 7 institutions, authorities, and other agencies of state government in the design and
 8 execution of their programs and be the coordinating agency for the separate department
 9 or agency proposals; and

10 (3) Phase in implementation by the various departments, boards, bureaus, commissions,
 11 institutions, authorities, and other agencies of state government. ~~By September 1 of 1993~~
 12 ~~and each year thereafter until all departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions,~~
 13 ~~authorities, and other agencies have initiated strategic planning, the Office of Planning~~
 14 ~~and Budget shall notify the Budgetary Responsibility Oversight Committee as to which~~
 15 ~~departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, authorities, and other agencies~~
 16 ~~will initiate strategic planning in the coming year; and~~

17 ~~(4) Present such strategic plans, in cooperation with the affected department, board,~~
 18 ~~bureau, commission, institution, authority, or other agency, to the Budgetary~~
 19 ~~Responsibility Oversight Committee."~~

20 SECTION 51.

21 Said title is further amended by repealing in its entirety Code Section 45-12-178, relating to
 22 certain review of state programs and functions, which reads as follows:

23 "45-12-178.

24 (a) It is the intent of the Governor and the General Assembly that taxpayers' money be
 25 spent in the most effective and efficient manner possible in order to obtain the maximum
 26 benefit from such expenditures. In furtherance of this objective, the Governor, through the
 27 Office of Planning and Budget, shall assist the General Assembly in establishing an
 28 ongoing review and evaluation of all programs and functions in state government.

29 (b) The chairperson of the Budgetary Responsibility Oversight Committee shall maintain
 30 a list of those programs for which the committee is requesting evaluations. The chairperson
 31 shall provide the list, and any subsequent revisions to the list, to the director of the
 32 Governor's Office of Planning and Budget and to the state auditor.

33 (c) The Office of Planning and Budget, the Department of Audits and Accounts, and the
 34 Research Office of the Budgetary Responsibility Oversight Committee shall undertake and
 35 complete evaluations on as many of those requested programs as resources will permit. The

1 Office of Legislative Budget Analyst, the Board of Regents of the University System of
2 Georgia, and all other state agencies are authorized and directed to provide assistance to
3 the Office of Planning and Budget, the Department of Audits and Accounts, and the
4 Research Office of the Budgetary Responsibility Oversight Committee, as requested, in the
5 performance of these evaluations. The Office of Planning and Budget, the Department of
6 Audits and Accounts, and the Research Office of the Budgetary Responsibility Oversight
7 Committee are also authorized to contract with private contractors to perform, or assist in
8 the performance of, these evaluations.

9 (d) The Office of Planning and Budget, the Department of Audits and Accounts, and the
10 Research Office of the Budgetary Responsibility Oversight Committee shall report to the
11 Budgetary Responsibility Oversight Committee on the results of program evaluations as
12 such evaluations are completed. Such reports shall include:

13 (1) Appropriate background information on the affected program, including how and
14 why it was initiated, its functions, what group it serves, how it is organized structurally
15 and geographically, what are its staff size and composition, and what is its workload;

16 (2) Financial information including the source and amounts of funding and unit costs,
17 where applicable;

18 (3) A description of the program's mission, goals, and objectives and an assessment of
19 the extent to which the program has performed in comparison;

20 (4) Comparisons with other applicable public and private entities as to their experiences,
21 service levels, costs, and staff resources required;

22 (5) Recommendations concerning the program, including whether it should be continued
23 as it is currently operated, continued with identified steps to remediate deficiencies or
24 institute improvements, or discontinued. Consideration should also be given to possible
25 privatization or consolidation with other similar programs;

26 (6) Information describing the locations at which the program is operated and
27 administered and the extent to which the operation and administration could be
28 decentralized; and

29 (7) Such other information as is identified as appropriate.

30 (e) It is the intent of the General Assembly that all programs be evaluated at least every ten
31 years.

32 (f) Department heads shall respond, in writing, within 90 days of the receipt of the report
33 to recommendations and findings by the Office of Planning and Budget or the Department
34 of Audits and Accounts setting forth in detail the action to be taken by said department to
35 address the recommendations and findings. Said written response shall be made to the

1 Office of Planning and Budget, the Department of Audits and Accounts, and the Budgetary
2 Responsibility Oversight Committee.

3 (g) The Research Office of the Budgetary Responsibility Oversight Committee shall verify
4 with state departments the implementation of the departments' plans set forth in their 90
5 day responses as submitted in accordance with subsection (f) of this Code section. The
6 Research Office shall inform the Budgetary Responsibility Oversight Committee about
7 each department's progress at reasonable intervals."

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PART V

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SECTION 52.

10 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
11 without such approval.

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SECTION 53.

13 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.